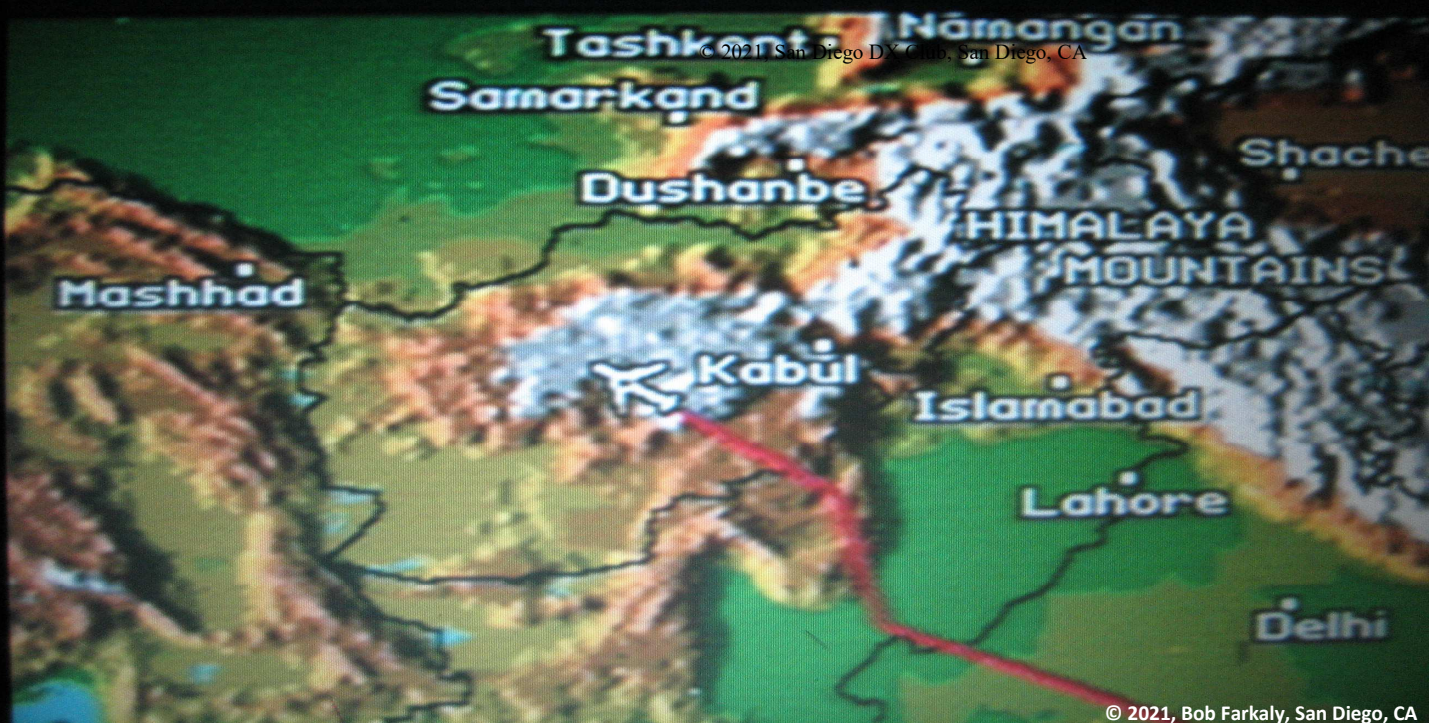


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From the Prez . . .

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SDDXC Meeting on Zoom

Time: Apr 28, 2021 06:30 PM Pacific Time (U.S. and Canada)

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73,

Pat, WA6MHZ



Secretary/Treasurer Reports

Randy, KQ6RS

SDDXC Meeting Minutes, March 24, 2021

Our March meeting was held using the Zoom video conferencing application. We had 22 members and two guests participate. Our guests were: John Miller, K6MM (our presenter) and Heather Parker, KM6ZQB.

At 6:40 P.M. Eric Gruff, NC6K called the meeting to order.

From 6:44 P.M. to 7:48 P.M. our presenter John Miller, K6MM gave his presentation on "K5P DXpedition: The Cursed Paradise of Palmyra Atoll."

We did not have a roundtable this month.

At 8:11 P.M. the meeting was adjourned.



Treasurer's Report

Income for March: \$50.00 for membership

Expenses for March: None

Balance on 4/8/2021 \$6,710.55

Randy, KQ6RS

SDDXC TOP 10

By John, K6AM



TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 30 METERS

4/21	4/29	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	K6AM	40	319	326	328	-
2.	2.	W6YI	38	295	297	321	+2
3.	3.	K6XT	40	312	316	316	-
4.	4.	N7CW	40	289	289	311	-
5.	5.	K6ZH	39	260	265	282	-
6.	6.	N6CW	37	?	215	275	-
7.	7.	K0XB	40	266	268	271	-
8.	8.	WN6K	37	204	206	253	-
9.	9.	N0RR	?	223	235	239	-
10.	10.	WB6BFG	37	214	214	233	-

TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 15 METERS

4/21	4/20	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	K6AM	40	336	346	346	-
2.	3.	W6YI	40	331	340	343	+2
3.	2.	N6CW	40	?	331	342	-
4.	4.	K6XT	40	320	332	332	+1
5.	5.	K0XB	40	322	329	330	-
6.	6.	N7CW	40	319	319	327	-
7.	7.	K6ZH	40	309	315	323	-
8.	8.	WN6K	40	285	294	316	-
9.	9.	NA6L	40	298	298	301	-
10.	10.	WB6BFG	40	285	285	291	-

Once again not much action here as we begin a new cycle other than W6YI's jump into the #2 spot on 15. We're still under a yellow flag as all drivers hold their positions on the track while we wait for the propagation to return. 30 meters continues to be productive with some good openings worldwide but 15 is down for the count.

Each month, we will publish top ten lists for one of the lesser recognized but hard-won categories. Coming up next, the other WARC bands, 160 and digital modes. Please send us your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the meeting.

And finally, after compiling the Top 10 for you since 1994, I am passing the torch to Glen Christensen, AI6RR. Glen has been keeping the lists organized on our web site and is the perfect guy to generate them too. Please continue to submit your scores on the web site as always. It has been my honor to serve you all these years and I hope Glen can keep it going and maybe improve it in the coming years.

Thanks and 73,

John, K6AM

Editor's Comment on K6AM's Retirement as Keeper of the TOP 10:

John, I think we've been doing this together for over 10 years. It has truly been an **HONOR** and a **PRIVILEGE** to collaborate with you on this effort. I would like to add my personal best wishes to those of our fellow Club members in thanking you for the time you spent each month in updating the TOP 10. DXing is changing, but DXers like yourself won't be forgotten because of selfless commitments like those you have made. Thanks and My VERY 73,

Bob, K9RHY

SDDXC Contest Results

By John, K6AM



2020 CQ WORLDWIDE DX PHONE CONTEST

CLASS	CALL	SCORE	QSO'S	MLTS	FINISH
SO - HP	NO6T @WA6TQT (K16RRN OP)	2,195,207	2,246	371	#1 W6, #1 ZONE 3, #11 U.S., 1000 WRTC points
SA - HP	W6YI	1,109,400	1,250	344	#2 W6, #2 ZONE 3
SO - HP	K6NA	646,935	930	255	#2 W6, #3 ZONE 3
SO - HP Classic	W6YA	540,800	939	208	#3 W6, #5 ZONE 3
M2- HP	NX6T (OPS N6KI N6ERD W6ZAR WQ6X)	426,720	966	240	#1 W6, #3 ZONE 3
SO - 15 Classic	N7CW	62,790	245	91	#2 W7, #3 ZONE 3
SO - LP Classic	N6NC/MM (N5ZO op)	6,600	98	33	A new zone (#6) for N5ZO
SO - HP Classic	W6JBR	2,772	32	33	

John, K6AM

From the Editor

Bob, K9RHY

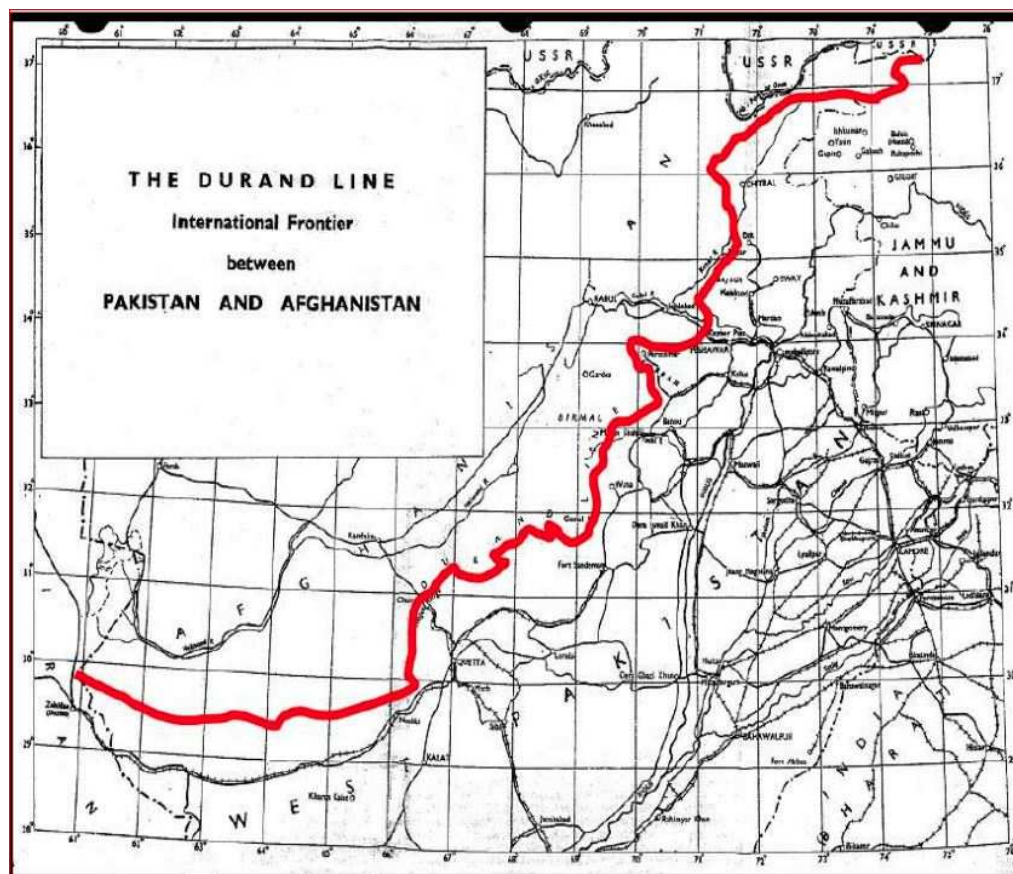
Potential “New One”: The Durand Line

First, I hope all of my fellow Club members are healthy and now fully vaccinated! Second, my apologies for the quality of the cover image. The reason for the blurriness will come out in the next several lines.



Some years ago, I was a Road Warrior, living in hotels and jetting around the world meeting with other technology executives and speaking at data security conferences. Indeed, I made four (4) round the world trips (two clockwise and two counterclockwise). The world is a BIG place, about 25,000 miles around at the equator. On several of these excursions, I elected to travel from, say, San Diego to San Francisco to London, Paris or Munich and connect to Singapore or Tokyo or Bangkok (and vice versa). Hence, I crossed the Durand Line (that tentatively defines the Afghanistan/Pakistan border) several times, documenting one of those trips using the Airbus in-flight positional mapping system and display.

The cover shot was from a Singapore to London trip with the annotation that I had about 5500 km to go (about halfway from Singapore) before landing in London.



Percy Sykes, Sir Mortimer Durand (London: Cassell and Company, Ltd., 1956), 200-217. The map was reproduced from the booklet by Professor Ralph Braibanti, Durand Line, Duke University Library.

So why is the Durand Line of any possible interest to DXers? Well, the Durand Line is the 2,640-kilometer (1,640-mile) boundary separating Afghanistan from Pakistan. It's the result of an agreement between Sir Mortimer Durand, a secretary of the British Indian government, and Abdur Rahman Khan, the Amir of Afghanistan established in 1893. At present, Afghanistan does not officially recognize the international border with Pakistan. Instead, it has territorial claims on areas stretching from the Afghan-Pakistan border to the Indus River,

all told comprising nearly 60 percent of Pakistani territory. This border dispute has its roots in the 19th century, when Pakistan was part of India and India was a British colony. The British imposed the 2640 km borderline on the Amir of Afghanistan in 1893 in a bid to strengthen the former's control over the northern parts of India. In the late 1880s, the Amir, Abdur Rahman, started demanding a clearly-defined border with India. The British too wanted to make a clear buffer state, free from its sphere of influence, keeping in mind the Russian expansion towards Central Asia. While the Amir permitted the British to control Afghanistan's foreign policy, he, in return, demanded zero interference from the British in Afghanistan's internal affairs. A clearly defined and well demarcated border would have been an appropriate solution. However, ever since 1893, when the Foreign Secretary of India, Sir Mortimer Durand, finalized an agreement defining the Indo-Afghan border (the Durand Line), the controversial border has caused great tension between Afghanistan and India, and much more so between Afghanistan and Pakistan after 1947. Afghanistan however, recognized the Durand Line as an international border. Abdur Rahman Khan's successor, Amir Habibullah Khan, in 1905 signed a new agreement with Britain confirming the legality of the Durand Line. More importantly, article 5 of the Anglo-Afghan Treaty of 1919, on the basis of which Afghanistan reclaimed its independence, says that Afghanistan accepted all previously agreed border arrangements with India. Unlike the previous two agreements, the Anglo-Afghan Treaty was not imposed by Britain. Afghanistan, as an independent state, agreed to recognize the Durand Line as an international border.

After the founding of Pakistan in 1947, Afghanistan demanded that Pashtuns living on the Pakistani side of the Durand Line be given the right to self-determination. Both Britain and Pakistan refused. In response, the Afghan government then began to ignore the Durand Line and instead asserted claims over territories that lay between the line and the Indus River.



As a consequence, relations with Pakistan became tense, and this in turn influenced U.S.-Afghan relations in the 1950's and 1960's. Once Pakistan struck an arms deal with the U.S., Kabul realized that the balance of power between Pakistan and Afghanistan had shifted in favor of Pakistan. Hence, in the 1950's Afghanistan, too, approached Washington seeking military assistance and arms sales.

The Durand Line is hardly a static barrier, having been renegotiated in 1905, 1919, 1921 and most recently in 1947 after the conclusion of WW2.

Controversy over the boundary remains today, following the re-drawing of the Durand Line during the 1921 Treaty. The public domain map to the left illustrates the U.S. CIA's interpretation and re-interpretation of the 1893 and 1921 boundaries.

So why might this obscure boundary interpretation have an influence on the ARRL DXCC Entity List? Well, after the 9/11 attacks in 2001, the U.S. Government expended unimaginable quantities of blood and treasure in Afghanistan. That era is now expected to come to an end in September, 2021 on the 10th anniversary of those attacks (although a residual force is not unlikely to be retained) even though President Biden has said that: "We're going to zero troops by September."

Many expect that the upcoming troop reduction or exit will not immediately lead to more stable relations among the U.S.A., Afghanistan and other parties in the region and the rest of the world. Hence, unrest is likely to continue into the foreseeable future. Now may be the last opportunity to jump onto this opportunity to create a "New One" to add to the DXCC Entity List.

Thinking about a potential New One in Afghanistan is not as far-fetched as some might think. It was just two (2) years ago that Robert, S53R gave many of the Deserving a new one as T6AA and T6A. Time to start planning and packing!

73 and Great DX,

Bob, K9RHY